



One Tree Hill  
COLLEGE

# NEWSLETTER

7 February 2020



## Principal's Message



### Dear Parents and Caregivers

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new and returning students and staff. It has been wonderful seeing familiar faces, and meeting our new Year 9 students and their parents. This year the intake from our local area is larger than previous years. Last Friday a powhiri welcoming our new students and their families was well attended, and it was great to see how many parents are already determined to be actively engaged in their child's school. I found myself watching the Year 9 students as they nervously and excitedly spent their first hours in their new school, and not for the first time, I felt honoured that we have been entrusted to be the guiding hand for these stages of your child's learning.

It is my pleasure to inform you all of our excellent 2019 NCEA results. Like previous years, our NCEA results across all levels continue to be well above the national mean:

	One Tree Hill College	National Mean
NCEA Level 1	84%	69%
NCEA Level 2	84%	76%
NCEA Level 3	71%	65%

I would also like to congratulate the many students who were endorsed with either merit or excellence in their NCEA last year. To succeed at such high levels are outstanding achievements and we are all very proud of these students. At our first school assembly on Wednesday 12 February, we will be honouring these students with 'Academic Excellence' awards and challenge all other students to emulate their success this year.

Scholarship is the pinnacle of achievement in New Zealand secondary schools. This is the ultimate level of achievement and I am very proud to inform our community that in 2019, One Tree Hill College student Isobel Younger gained a Scholarship in Biology. This is a tremendous achievement and my congratulations to Isobel for all her hard work.

These results are only possible with high quality teachers. In 2020 we welcome new teachers, Ms Katie Philson, Mr Hamish Birkbeck, Mr Tom Brazier, Miss Victoria Carver, Ms Wendy Choo, Mr Carl Estrada, Mr Philip Last, Mr Campbell Malone, Ms Kelly Simkins, Ms Alexandra van der Loos, Ms Angelina Wang, and Miss Megan Youngman to the college.

As we have done in previous years, we will continue to place significant emphasis on our 'Attitudes to Learning' which are fundamental to student success and are detailed in this newsletter. Two of these attitudes which we have stressed this week have been ensuring all students are on time to school (8:45am) and in the correct uniform. I would like to thank all families for their support with these this year.

This year we are continuing to enforce our rules with regards to mobile phone use at the college. Unless under the instruction of a teacher for learning purposes, no mobile phones or head phones are to be used or be visible inside any building at One Tree Hill College. Mobile phones and/or headphones will be confiscated if seen and will be held until collected by a parent or caregiver. I ask for your support to please discuss this with your child.

I look forward to meeting you all throughout the year and would like to wish our students every success in 2020.

Best Wishes,

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Principal



## Dealing with Stranger Danger

While it is certainly important to teach our children how to interact with strangers it may be even more important to help them develop the awareness, skills and confidence to make smart decisions and keep themselves safe across a wide range of situations. Below are some general tips for talking with your child about personal safety:

- Focus on safety rather than danger – help your child identify potential risk factors but concentrate on what your child can do to keep themselves and their friends' safe when they are not with a trusted adult.
- Establish a clear set of guidelines and safety rules for when they are not being actively supervised. Ensure that your child knows what to do to keep themselves safe and this will give them the confidence to make smart decisions.
- Be sure your child knows that there are a different set of rules and expectations for their behaviour when they are with a trusted adult and when they are on their own or with other children.
- Always use a 'buddy' system and stay in well lit, populated areas.
- Keep a safe distance (at least 2 arms lengths) away from vehicles and people you don't know well.
- Never accept rides, go anywhere, or provide assistance to people you don't know well, or go anywhere with anyone without permission.
- Identify safe people and places your child can go for help if they need it.
- Ensure they know what to do if they feel uncomfortable or in danger.

## Carparking

For the safety of all students, can I please ask parents to collect their child outside of the school grounds each afternoon. The best way to do this is to arrange with your child to walk out and meet you in a neighbouring side street off Rockfield Road. We know that this is a slight inconvenience, but student safety is our number one concern.

## Central Park Business Area and Ellerslie Township

Students are reminded that they are not permitted to use the Central Park area as a thoroughfare to and from Ellerslie, nor are they to loiter in Ellerslie. I would appreciate parents reiterating this message to all students to avoid trespass orders being issued.

## Coming Events

13 February

Year 9 Meet the Teachers Evening, 6:00pm

20 February

Māori Achievement Awards, 5:30pm

21 February

Swimming Sports

Venue: Lagoon Pool, Panmure

24 February

Class and ID Photos

2 March

Athletics Day (All Students)

Venue: Mt Smart Stadium

17 March

Cultural Evening, 6:00pm

Venue: Front of School

18-21 March

ASB Polyfest

Venue: Manukau Sports Bowl

27 March

Whānau Mufti Day

30 March – 3 April

Summer Tournament Week

4 April

School Ball, Eden Park

9 April

Last Day of Term 1 – 12:25pm finish

28 April

First Day of Term 2

## Whānau Leaders 2020

The introduction of the whānau system at One Tree Hill College has been very successful and much of that success is down to the excellent leadership at the helm of each whānau. If you have any questions with regards your child or the college in 2020 please do not hesitate to contact your child's respective Whānau Leader.

<b>Hinau Whanau</b>	Ms Whittle & Mr Qionimua	Extension 867
<b>Kowhai Whanau</b>	Ms McDonnell & Mr Kimiangatau	Extension 848
<b>Miro Whanau</b>	Miss Husband & Mr McWhinnie	Extension 847
<b>Tawa Whanau</b>	Miss Lingham & Mr Lanner	Extension 830

## Attitudes to Learning

Your school report will show:  
YOUR ACHIEVEMENT GRADES/NCEA GRADES

Your school report will show:  
YOUR ATTITUDE TO LEARNING

### You should:

- Be punctual to class
- Settle quickly to work at the start of each lesson
- Bring correct equipment to class
- Complete work set in class
- Complete work with accuracy and care
- Complete work in sufficient depth
- Complete homework as required
- Be focused and responsive in class
- Avoid distracting other students in class
- Participate and contribute positively in class activities
- Show respect to peers in the classroom
- Show respect to your teacher

Your school report will show:

YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO YOUR WHĀNAU AND THE SCHOOL

### You should:

- Contribute positively to whānau class activities and discussions
- Contribute positively in school co-curricular activities
- Wear correct uniform (correct shoes, jacket etc)
- Look tidy and clean in uniform

Your school report will show:

YOUR ATTENDANCE RECORD



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## BELL TIMES 2020



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Staff PLD 8.20 – 9.15			
Whanau Time 8:45 – 8:55		Whanau Time 8:45 – 8:55	Whanau Time 8:45 – 8:55	Whanau Time 8:45 – 8:55
8.55 – 9.55 Period 1	9.20 – 10.20 Period 1	8.55 – 10.00 Period 1	8.55 – 9.55 Period 1	8.55 – 9.55 Period 1
9.55 – 10.55 Period 2	10.20 – 11.20 Period 2	10.00 – 11.05 Period 2	9.55 – 10.55 Period 2	9.55 – 10.55 Period 2
Interval 10:55 – 11:25	Interval 11:20 – 11:45	Interval 11:05 – 11:35	Interval 10:55 – 11:25	Interval 10:55 – 11:25
11.25 – 12.25 Period 3	11.45 – 12.45 Period 3	11.35 – 12.40 Period 3	11.25 – 12.25 Period 3	11.25 – 12.25 Period 3
12.25 – 1.25 Period 4	12.45 – 1.45 Period 4	12.40 – 1.45 Period 4	12.25 – 1.25 Period 4	12.25 – 1.25 Period 4
Lunchtime 1.25 – 2.05	Lunchtime 1.45 – 2.25	Lunchtime 1.45 – 2.25	Lunchtime 1.25 – 2.05	Lunchtime 1.25 – 2.05
Whanau Time 2:05 – 2:20			Whanau Time 2:05 – 2:20	Whanau Time 2:05 – 2:20
2.20 – 3.20 Period 5	2.25 – 3.20 Period 5	2.25 – 3.20 Period 5	2.20 – 3.20 Period 5	2.20 – 3.20 Period 5
		Rotating Assembly every Day 8	3.30 – 4.30 Scholarship Classes	